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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Shi K. Li

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 May 2004 and 10 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10 May 2004 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miyazaki (U.S. Patent 6,414,772 B2) in view of Kinoshita (U.S. Patent 6,023,366), Nelson et al. (L. Nelson et al., "Resonances in Cross-Phase Modulation Impairment in Wavelength-Division-multiplexed Lightwave Transmission, IEEE Photonics Technology Letters, Vol. 11, No. 7, July 1999) and Jopson (U.S. Patent 5,386,314).

Regarding claims 1 and 5, Miyazaki discloses in FIG. 13 and col. 8, line 58 an optical transmission system for suppressing SBS using cross-phase modulation (XPM). FIG. 13 comprises a plurality of transmitters, each having a wavelength separation. The difference between Miyazaki and the claimed invention is that Miyazaki does not teach to use one of the channels as supervisory channel. Kinoshita teaches in FIG. 1 to designate a wavelength channel

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for supervisory purpose. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine the teaching of Kinoshita with the optical transmission system of Miyazaki because a supervisory channel can carry supervisory information for network management. Thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to designate a wavelength channel as supervisory channel, as taught by Kinoshita, in the optical transmission system of Miyazaki because a supervisory channel can carry supervisory information for network management.

The modified optical transmission system of Miyazaki and Kinoshita still failed to teach a modulation frequency in the range of approximately 150 MHz to approximately 250 MHz. Nelson et al. discusses cross-phase modulation and teaches in p. 908, left col., second paragraph to use 50 and 150 MHz phase modulation for SBS suppression. Jopson teaches in col. 9, lines 13-17 to increase linewidth to about 200 to 300 MHz for raising the SBS threshold. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine the teaching of Nelson et al. and Jopson to use a modulation frequency within the range of 150~250 MHz because linewidth should be greater than 20 MHz (see col. 9, lines 8-9 of Jopson) but not too much to cause system degradation (see col. 9 lines 34-36 of Jopson). Thus it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use modulation frequency in the range of 150~250 MHz, as taught by Nelson et al. and Jopson, in the modified optical transmission system of Miyazaki and Kinoshita.

Regarding claims 2 and 6, Miyazaki includes in FIG. 13 optical coupler 2 for multiplexing output signals of the transmitters, a first optical amplifier 5-1 for amplifying the multiplexed signal. Miyazaki further teaches in FIG. 14 a receiver for the transmission system of

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FIG. 13. FIG. 14 includes a second optical amplifier 22, a demultiplexer 26 and receivers 28-1 to 28-8 for the wavelength channels. The receiver corresponding to the wavelength designated for supervisory receivers the supervisory signal.

Regarding claims 3-4 and 7-8, Nelson et al. teaches to use a high power pump channel for generating phase modulation by cross phase modulation effect.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shi K. Li whose telephone number is 703 305-4341. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Chan can be reached on 703 305-4729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

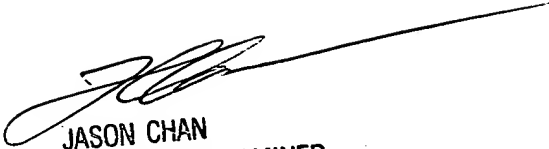
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